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SUBJ: CEAUSESCU VISIT TO CUBA

1. IMPRESSION OF CEAUSESCU VISIT TO CUBA GIVEN BY ROMANIAN MEDIA SO FAR IS ONE PRIMARILY OF CEREMONY AND DISPLAYS OF MUTUAL ADMIRATION RATHER THAN SUBSTANCE. AUGUST 31 SCINTEIA REPORTS OFFICIAL TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN WHICH BILATERAL QUESTIONS AND "CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST" WERE DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, MUCH GREATER SPACE IS TAKEN UP WITH CEAUSESCU'S BEING AWARDED ORDER OF JOSE MARTI (PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF CEREMONY GIVES UNUSUAL VIEW OF CASTRO IN PROPER UNIFORM WITH TIE), WREATH-LAYING AT JOSE MARTI MONUMENT, VISIT TO NEW RESIDENTIAL AREA, OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS, ETC.

2. ROMANIAN MEDIA COVERAGE NATURALLY STRESSES WARM RECEPTION AFFORDED CEAUSESCU BY CUBANS AND IMPORTANCE OF OVERALL TRIP IN ROMANIAN-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS. SCINTEIA OF AUGUST 30, FOR EXAMPLE, CALLS TRIP A "CONTRIBUTION OF GREATEST SIGNIFICANCE IN PROMOTION OF GENERAL CAUSE OF PEACE, PROGRESS AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG ALL PEOPLES."

3. COMMENT: CEAUSESCU'S CUBA VISIT SO FAR HAS BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHOUT SURPRISES AND GENERALLY HAS FOLLOWED EXPECTED

PATTERN. WE NOTE WITH INTEREST, HOWEVER, THAT ELENA  
CEAUSESCU HAS PARTICIPATED IN OFFICIAL TALKS FOR FIRST  
TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE AND IS RECEIVING GREATER PLAY IN  
ROMANIAN MEDIA THAN FOR EARLIER VISITS. ALSO OF INTEREST  
IS SHORT SCINTEIA ARTICLE ANNOUNCING THAT THE CEAUSESCUS'  
SON NICU MET OFFICIALLY WITH TWO CUBAN YOUTH LEADERS.  
IT HAD NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED PREVIOUSLY THAT NICU WAS  
ACCOMPANYING HIS PARENTS ON CURRENT TRIP AND THIS IS  
FIRST TIME WE KNOW OF IN WHICH PRESS HAS REPORTED ANY  
ACTION BY HIM IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY.  
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